

**"Emergency assistance to support COVID-19 response in Cox's bazar camps & host communities (EASCR) Project "** is being implemented in Cox's Bazar district. Tear Fund Bangladesh is providing financial and technical assistance and the COAST Foundation is implementing the program. These activities are being implemented in two upazilas of Cox's bazar district and rohinga camps. (Khuniapalong of Ramu Upazilla & Jilonga union of Cox's Bazar sadar and Camp 1 west & Camp 9).



Beneficiaries of Khunia Palong UP who got IGA training received Bank check. Ph: Ifrat, IGA Facilitators, EASCR Program.

## The Shopner Shiri group has earned 1300 tk at a cost of 300 tk

There are 30 groups consisting of 10 marginalized women members of Khunia Palong Union in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar district. Shopner Shiri group is one of them. After getting the agriculture training, the women members of the group started cultivating vegetables by making a plot in the open space around the house.

Follow up by the IGA facilitators they are taking care of their plot regularly. Gradually the vegetable seedlings



Group members collecting vegetables from their plot. Ph: Shopner Shiri group. Khunia Palong Union.

grow. The members of the group said that they have already earned tk 500 by selling vegetables at local market.

They also said that we should all make proper use of uncultivated land and space around the house by cultivating. In this way, we think it is possible to meet the food needs of the family as well as to earn extra income by selling vegetables in the market.

## 200 marginalized families on the way to fulfilling their dreams

To empower the women of the marginalized community COAST Foundation organized IGA training for selected group members. They are rewarded with cash tk 8400 after getting the training and making individual project plan for them. To distribute the amount COAST have been opened them bank account and pay the amount through it.



Tahera Begum, group member of Dahlia, Pechar Deep, Khuniya Palang are buying goats with cash assistance. Ph: Sajedul, IGA Facilitator, EASCR Project.

The chairman of Khuniya Palong Union Panishad said that Coast had been working with the affected and backward families of COVID 19 in the area since 2021, their family selection process was very transparent and the quality of training provided by them was relatively good. The project has already been distributing soaps, masks and blankets.

He thanked for helping the people affected by the COVID to COAST and said that support activities had been implemented as per the current demand in consultation with us.